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SUBJECT

Intercepted letters from Vladivostok containing evidence of a forged passport & enquiries re shady characters connected therewith.

Names involved & connected:

Joe Singer, Russian.
Abe Levenspick
Michael Doll Canadian of Rus. origin
J. Lezerovitch (or Lizerovitch)
John Razondovitch (?).

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

22nd May, 1919.

REPORT ON John Razordovitch.

Made by D.S.I. Sullivan. Forwarded by Chief Detective Officer.

Sir,

Enquiries have been made but no trace can be found of a man named John Razordovitch. The manager of the Burlington Hotel states that he has never known a Korean to stay or dine at the hotel during the time he has been there (over two years).

There is a man named John Lizerovitch staying at No. 1 Young Allen Terrace which is just off Bonne Road. Lizerovitch and his friend, a man named A. Levenspeil are both Russians who were brought up in England and speak English fluently.

They have been in Shanghai about 15 months and during that time there has been no cause to suspect Lizerovitch. His companion, Levenspeil, however has been the subject of enquiries on two or three occasions.

It is possible that a mistake has been made in the spelling or pronounciation of the name and that Lizerovitch is the man whose whereabouts are sought.

Previous reports attached.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan

Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Officer.

See File 3381 re Lizerovitch

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Shanghai ..... 191 .....

To .....

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[illegible] Rizzordovich

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Date 25.9.18

CENTRAL POLICE Station.

23rd September, 1918.

REPORT ON Enquiries re Michael Doll by Request of British Consulate.

Made by D.S.Sullivan. *Forwarded by*

Sir,

Michael Doll is a naturalized Canadian of Russian extraction.

He first came to China some time ago and joined the Customs in Canton. After being dismissed from there, he came to Shanghai at the beginning of 1917, and joined the River Police in the name of Dolt. When the Customs Authorities found out who he was, he was dismissed from the River Police after being there about four months.

He was afterwards employed by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., but stayed only a few months.

He stayed at the Hanbury Institute on several occasions, and Mr. Inwood, the custodian at the Institute, states that Doll endeavoured to get a passport to go to Vladivostock but could not get anyone to sign his application.

For some time Doll has not done any regular work. He used to travel a lot between Vladivostock, Seoul, and other northern ports, and Shanghai, but lately he has not left Shanghai.

He spends most of his time in the Astor Bar, Broadway, playing billiards, cards, etc., and when the Astor Bar closes he goes to the bars on North Szechuen Road Extension. He always has money to spend and in a rough style, is well dressed.

He is generally suspected of being concerned in opium smuggling.

Doll reported at Hongkew Police Station on the 4th

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instant that on the 29th ultimo he had lost a pocket book containing a British passport, a chit for $100.00, some Russian money worth about $5.00 and several visitng cards.

In appearance Doll is about 5 feet 11 inches in height, well built, about 30 years old, clean shaven, and has a very careless, generally rough appearance.

Michael Doll was fined $15.00 or 7 days imprisonment at the British Consular Court on November 19th 1917, for being concerned together with one A. F. Wilson (an American citizen) in assaulting one Gaffan Singh, a Sikh watchman at the Central Garage, Jinkee Road on November 6th 1917.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan.
Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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No. 2076
Date 22/8/18

August 22,

H.S.G. Buckmaster, Esq.,
H.B.M's Consul Office,
Shanghai.

Dear Buckmaster, **Confidential.**

In continuation of my letter of Aug. 8 and replying to your letter of Aug. 16, addressed to Hilton-Johnson, on the subject of Joe Singer, I have to inform you that the address given in the letter referred to, which I return herewith, is incorrect. Joe Singer is known to be still in Vladivostock.

Yours faithfully,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

20th August, 1918.

REPORT ON Joe Singer, Russian Suspected of Having a False Passport, at request of British Postal Censor.

Made by D.S.I.Givens. Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector

Sir,

Enquiries at the Charity Organization Society confirm the previous information that Joe Singer is still in Vladivostock. The secretary of the Charity Organization Society received a letter from him several weeks ago saying that having intended to come to Shanghai, he had instructed his family to address his letters to the c/o The Charity Organization Society here. As he had decided to remain in Vladivostock he requested to have his letters forwarded to that place. Since then three letters, including one containing a cheque, have been received for Singer, and have been forwarded to him. As a result of assistance given to Singer by the British Consulate at Vladivostock he succeeded in cashing through the Charity Organization Society the money sent to him.

The former report about J. Singer is attached.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T.H.Givens

To
Chief Detective Inspector. Detective Sub-Inspector.

Sir,

This report has been shown to the Acting Russian Consul in accordance with instructions of C. S. P.

T.H.Givens D.S.I. 21/8/18

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SHANGHAI,
16th. August, 1918.

Dear Hilton-Johnson,

With further reference to my letter of the 30th. ultimo, on the subject of one, Joe Singer, who apparently proposed to come to Shanghai on forged passport, I now enclose a further intercepted letter to Levenspiel, Shanghai, which discloses Joe Singer's present address. This for your information in case you wish to examine his passport.

Please return the letter when finished with.

Yours sincerely,

H. S. Buckmaster

C.D.I. Passed to you with reference to my note re this name of July 30.

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August 8,

H.S.G. Buckmaster, Esq.,
British Post Office,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir, Confidential

In reply to your letter of July 30, addressed to Major Hilton-Johnson, forwarding an intercepted letter which contains evidence of a false passport, I have to inform you that enquiries have been made into this matter and steps have been taken to deal with Joe Singer should he come to Shanghai. I return the letters herewith.

The other intercepted letter, addressed to "Countess Blanca" has already been returned to you.

Yours faithfully,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

7th August, 1918.

REPORT ON Joe Singer, a Russian, Suspected of Forging A Passport.

Made by D.S.I.Givens. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

The report on Levenspill and the intercepted letter addressed to him have been shown to the Russian Vice Consul, who said he would write a letter to the Vladivostock Authorities about Joe Singer, and would keep a look out for his arrival in Shanghai.

The full translation of Singer's address is:--

'Joe Singer,
(Emigration House),
Jewish Committee,
Jewish Synagogue,
Vladivostock.'

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
T.H.Givens
Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

2nd August, 1918.

REPORT ON Interview with A. Levenspiel re Joe Singer.

Made by D.J.I.Givens. *Forwarded by*

Sir,

I have interviewed Abe Levenspiel. He believes that Joe Singer is still in Vladivostock. He states that a letter addressed: "c/o The Jewish Association, The Jewish Synagogue, Vladivostock" would find Singer. He adds that he has relatives in Vladivostock, to whom Singer is well known. Singer's address in Russia is attached.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J.I.Givens
Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Inspector.

As Joe Singer has not come to Shanghai he has probably not used the passport which he apparently told his people he had made and the only thing that the Police can do is to await his arrival. The Russian Consul should be notified because passports of all Russians subjects have now to be deposited with him.

I/C. C.I.D.

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Date 8/7/18

REGISTERED No.

In any further correspondence on this subject, the above number should be quoted.

British Post Office, Shanghai.

30th. July, 1918.

Dear Hilton-Johnson,

I enclose, for your information, an intercepted letter which seems to contain evidence of a forged Passport (~~w. clipped passage~~). It is not clear whether the addressee of the enclosure to the letter is actually in Shanghai now or whether he is in Vladivostock, where a previous intercepted letter showed him to be.

Abe Levenspiel, who is asked to forward the letter to Joe Singer, has been the recipient of unpatriotic letters from London.

I also enclose, for your information, an intercepted letter to 'Countess Blanca'. Please return both the letters to me when finished with.

Yours sincerely,

N S B Buckmaster

Returned 31/7/18.

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C.D.I. Is anything known of this man?

R.H. 31/7

Report attached 1/8/7. 1111

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

26th July, 1918.

REPORT ON Russian Bolshevist.

Made by D.S.I.Givens. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

Mrs. Ellis, 17 Nanking Road, called at the Chief Detective Inspector's office on the morning of 25th inst., and reported that, while dining at No. 52 Temple Lane, the home of Mr. Tobias, the optician, she met a Russian, who expressed his sympathy with the Bolshevist regime, saying that it was better for Russia to surrender a portion of her territory rather than have the whole country come under German rule. He also endorsed the action of the Bolshevists in repudiating state loans.

Enquiries made go to show that the Russian referred to by Mrs. Ellis is A. Levenspell, about whom a report was submitted on 28th June 1918.

The report on Levenspell is attached.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Givens

Detective Sub-Inspector.

Chief Detective Inspector.

on the grounds that the whole lot has been so much improved in value by the construction of a road in place of the Defence Creek, that a demand for free surrender is justifiable and reasonable.

Mr. Johnson states that the locality is purely Chinese and taking into consideration the well-known antipathy of the Chinese to living in premises situated on wide roads, is of opinion that a road of 80 ft. in width will be detrimental to the new premises about to be erected. He does not agree that the same terms as were accepted in the cases of Lots 694 and 694a are applicable to Lot 1325, as the Cemetery Road afforded ample access.

He refers to a previous instance where the Council acknowledged there was no betterment where roads were over 30 feet wide and he contends that the new road was for the benefit of the public only and not for property owners. The Assistant Secretary replies that in the case referred to the land was situated in a Chinese locality. Mr. Johnson states that in 1916, Lot 1325 was reassessed at 43 per cent. higher and other lots in the vicinity only from 9½ to 17 per cent. higher, showing that the owners of this lot were already contributing towards the filling in of the creek, by having been so assessed; so he does not see why Lot 1325 should be reduced in area unless at the assessed value plus 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender.

To this the Assistant Secretary submits that the admission that the lot is assessed 43 per cent. higher, as against 9½ per cent. to 17 per cent. higher for neighbouring properties, proves the Council's point that the project for conversion of a pestilential creek into a broad thoroughfare has enormously improved the value of the lot under discussion; and further that it is no valid argument to suggest that payment of land tax at the enhanced rate, i.e., six-tenths of one per cent. per annum, has relieved the owners from the obligation to co-operate by a capital contribution in the public work which so much enhances the value of their land.

Both parties having withdrawn, the Commissioners decide as follows:—

That, in their opinion, the widening of the Thibet Road affords beneficial access to Cadastral Lot 1325 and enhances, the value of the property. They award that compensation be made as under for the surrender involved:—

Mow 0.445 at Tls. 10,000 per mow	Tls. 4,450.00
Less one-third for betterment	1,483.00
	2,967.00
Mow 0.285 at Tls. 10,000 per mow	2,850.00
	5,817.00
Plus 10 per cent	582.00
	Tls. 6,399.00

A. D. Bell,
R. S. Ivy,
H. G. Simms, } *Land Commissioners 1917/8.*
L. G. Westcott, *Secretary.*

Case No. 115

West Soochow and Sinza Roads.

Cadastral Lot 670—Western District, Registered Owners Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. heard in the Council Room on October 3, 1918.

The Council is represented by the Assistant Secretary, Mr. E. S. B. Rowe, the Deputy Engineer being in attendance. Mr. G. A. Johnson of Messrs. Lester, Johnson & Morriss appears for the registered owners.

On behalf of the Council, the Assistant Secretary states that in this case the Council is at issue with Messrs. Lester, Johnson & Morriss over the question of the compensation payable for Lot 670. The point as to compensation for the Sinza Road frontage is not disputed, but as regards the Soochow Road frontage, the Council while ready to pay full and reasonable compensation, is of opinion that the terms of the present claim should contain recognition of betterment. The parties are in agreement as to the basis of compensation, which at the assessed value, is Tls. 13,000 per mow, plus 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender.

He adds that the Council's views are very fully set out in its letter of May 24, 1918, and are summed up in the penultimate paragraph of that letter.

Mr. Johnson states that shops are to be erected on the Sinza Road frontage, and that building has already been commenced at the Western end where there was a fire, and the Hongs behind will be amply served by passages from the Sinza Road. The property being long and narrow, the surrender area required by the Council is a severe handicap seeing that part of the lot is used as a coal yard and the land on the creek front affords valuable access for the loading and unloading of coal.

The Assistant Secretary draws attention to the fact that 10 feet of the land is surrenderable compulsorily as beach land and as the Harbour master prohibits the erection of buildings within 40 feet of the scheduled Bund line, the remaining 30 feet would be unavailable so far as building is concerned.

Mr. Johnson quotes from records a case some years ago on the creek, where the 10 feet having been surrendered, the balance of land was paid for at the market value. The Assistant Secretary refers to Lot 195, some small distance away, where the Council acquired the necessary land surrender at the assessed value less one-half for betterment.

Both parties having withdrawn the Commissioners taking into careful consideration, the shape of the lot and the full circumstances of the case, decide as follows:—

That the surrender of the land on the Sinza Road justifies full compensation but in respect of the West Soochow Road the making up of the roads undoubtedly improves the property and they award as follows:

Sinza Road

0.278 mow at Tls. 13,000 per mow	Tls. 3,614.00
Plus 10%	361.00
	3,975.00

West Soochow Road

0.855 at Tls. 13,000 per mow	Tls. 11,115.00
Less one-third for betterment	3,705.00
	7,410.00
Plus 10%	741.00
	8,151.00
	Tls. 12,126.[illegible]

A. D. Bell,
R. S. Ivy,
H. G. Simms, } *Land Commissioners 1917/8.*
L. G. Westcott, *Secretary.*

Municipal Staff.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ORDER BOOKS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY OCTOBER 5.

Police Force.—2nd Class stable Hiroaki Ota is discl invalided, from October 15.

Public Works Department.—temporary service of Miss C. Pearce, Typist, will termina October 31.

Electricity Department.—Mr M. Levenspiel is appointed temp arily as Assistant Draughts from September 1.

The Council has learnt with regret of the death, on October 7, Mr. C. E. Pearson, Draughtsman

Educational Department.—M M. Ireland is appointed tempo ly as Assistant Matron in Thomas Hanbury School for G from October 3.

Plans of New Buildings Approve

Cadastral Lot	Road	Applicant	Dwelling Houses	Shops, etc.	Fo[illegible]
			Foreign		
658	Thibet	Brandt & Rodgers		1	
6044	Y'poo	China Import & Export Lumber Co., Ld.			
2390	do.	Lester, Johnson & Morriss		1	
1299	B'bling Well & Burkill	R. E. Stewardson			
1235	Burkill	Sing King Kee			
4390	W. Soochow	Nagai Wata Kaisha			
4844	do.	Dong Kee & Co.			
524	Kiukiang & Hoopeh	Probst, Hanbury & Co., Ld.			
188	Peking	Wong Sung Kee			
538A Unreg. E of 72	Kaifeng	Koo Yung Lian Brandt & Rodgers			
311 Unreg. E of 379	Santai Urga	do. Lee Tai Tor			
6001	Y'poo	China Rea Co., Ld.			
Unreg. E of 6445	do.	Zeng Sung F			
1485	Mandalay	E. E. Lever			
1573	Taku	Tai Kee			

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CENTRAL POLICE Station.

27th June, 1918.

REPORT ON A. Levenspeil.

Made by D.S.Sullivan. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

A. Levenspeil came to Shanghai from Vladivostock together with one J. Lezerovitch on March 1st last.

Both men are said to have been taken to England when they were infants, and to have left London to join the Russian Army. On arriving in Russia the revolution was in full swing, so they came to Shanghai.

Levenspeil is a rather well educated man, having studied for some time at the London University. He has a good theoretical knowledge, but not much practical knowledge of engineering. He speaks English fluently, is said to have strong socialistic opinions, and associates with Russians.

He is employed at present in the Shanghai Tramway Co. as an assistant to the Line Engineer.

He formerly lived at the Hanbury Institute, but has now removed to 52 Temple Lane, where he lives with a Mr. Tobias, Manager of N. Lazarus, optician, 12 Nanking Road.

He is a stout, sturdily built, clean shaven, rather dark man, about 20 years old.

His companion J. Lezerovitch is a man of much quieter temperament. Lives at the Hanbury Institute and is employed in the Insurance Department of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.

A Levenspeil was appointed draughtsman in the S.M.C. Electricity Dept. Mun. Gazette 10th Oct. 1918
J. Sullivan

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. Sullivan.
Detective Sergeant.

C.D.I.

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28.6.18

June 28, 8.

H. S. G. Buckmaster, Esq.,
British Post Office,
Shanghai.

Confidential

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of June 24, addressed to Major Hilton-Johnson, asking for information regarding (1) M. Doll and (2) A. Levenspiel, I have to reply to you as follows.-

(1) Michael Doll is a naturalized Canadian of Russian extraction.

He first came to China some time ago and joined the Customs in Canton. After being dismissed from there he came to Shanghai at the beginning of 1917, and joined the River Police in the name of Dolt. When the Customs Authorities found out who he was, he was dismissed from the River Police after being there about 4 months.

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I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. Sullivan.
Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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British Post Office,
SHANGHAI.
June 24th., 1918.

Dear Hilton-Johnson.

Can you give me any information about one, M.Doll, who is the addressee of an intercepted letter from Vladivostock, and who has his letters addressed c/o B.P.O.? (1)

I should be glad, too, to have any information you could give me about one, A.Leventhiel, Hanbury Institute, 16 Broadway. (2)

Yours sincerely.

H.S.G. Buckmaster

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For enquiries
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MUNICIPAL POLICE.

IDENTIFICATION & FINGER PRINT OFFICE
C. I. D.

Shanghai, August 6th 1918.

To The Chief Detective Inspector.
Tel. No. 2083

Sir,

I beg to attach herewith 6 photographic reproductions of the attached letters & envelope.

Your obedient servant,

Det: Sergt: